Non-Lethal Gas weapons for NSG

2208. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NSG has sought Government's approval for the use of non-lethal gas weapons in hostage rescue operations;

(b) whether the NSG is keen to use the Fentany-Halothane gas mix which was used in the recent moscow hostage rescue operations; and

(c) whether the NSG is "being imparted with other aspects of commando operations and motivational attributes displayed during the Entebbe hostage rescue operations by Israeli commandoes and the recent Afghan operations against Taliban by American crack forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)The NSG is conducting Commando training in all its manifestations.

Crime against women

2209. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the crimes against women are increasing and loopholes in the existing relevant laws help the culprits to go scot-free in the court of laws; and

(b) if so, what is the percentage of conviction in such cases and has any study been made by Government or social organisations to get speedy time-bound trails as rate of convictions going up and at the same time humiliation of the victims in courts is eliminated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) As per the information compiled by NCRB, the number of cases of crime against women reported, the number of cases where trial has been completed, the number of cases convicted and the percentage of conviction in such cases during the years 1999, 2000 and 2001 are as under: